ARWSP in Rajasthan

4850. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to provide special assistance to the State of Rajasthan in the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP);

(b) whether there are any special norms for assistance in the above said programme to different State particularly desert States where drinking water is one of the biggest problem; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIA. RAJA): (a) and (b) Rural Drinking Water Supply is a State subject. The State Governments implement the programme under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP). The Central Government only supplements the efforts of the States by providing funds under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). Power have been delegated to the States to plan, sanction and implement their individual water supply schemes. The allocation of Central Assistance under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) is subject to a minimum matching provision by the State Governments under their Minimum Needs Programme (MNP). A fixed amount of annual central plan allocation is earmarked for Rural Water Supply in Desert Development Programme (DDP) areas in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka and Rajasthan, without the condition of the States providing matching provisions under their MNP. Funds under the ARWSP are allocated as per the approved allocation criteria.

(c) Does not arise.

Pilot projects started in Rajasthan

4851. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) which are the pilot districts selected in the State of Rajasthan for O & M and WQM and S (Water Quiled Monitoring and Surveillances);

(b) whether any pilot project has already been started;

(c) if so, the results thereof; and